Inadequacy of staff in the District Hospital, Vaikom.

160. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikom*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any demand was made for the appointment of additional hands in the Vaikom District Hospital;

(*b*) whether other hospitals with lesser number of patients are provided with larger staff; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that it is a usual practice to depute the only Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Vaikom to other dispensaries on temporary duty?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No; adequate staff is provided in every hospital with reference to the number of patients treated, which is not, however, a constant figure.

(*c*) Sending Hospital Assistants on temporary relief duty is inevitable and it is not a special feature of the District Hospital at Vaikom. Officers for relief duties are generally selected from adjoining institutions without consideration of the number under treatment there.

Percentage of defaulters among the pattadars in 1106.

161. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of the number of defaulters to the total number of pattadars in each of the Revenue Divisions of the State in the year 1106?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The required particulars are given below:—

Division.	*Percentage of the number of defaulters to the number of pattadars.*
Trivandrum ...	32
Quilon ...	19
Kottayam ...	29
Devicolam ...	22

Grant of agricultural loans in the Tovala taluk in the latter half of 1106.

162. **MR. N. A. SUNDARAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted for agricultural loans in the Tovala taluk for the latter half of the year 1106, the number of applicants for such loans and the amount of loans disbursed during that period?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The amount under agricultural loans is allotted for a full year and not for half years. The amount allotted for agricultural loans in the Tovala taluk is Rs. 7062-14-0 made up of Rs. 3562-14-0 for ordinary loans and Rs. 3,500 for small loans of Rs. 200 and below. The number of applications for the second half of 1106 was 16, one for an ordinary loan and 15 for sums of Rs. 200 and below. Of the amount allotted, Rs. 3562-14-0 under ordinary loans and Rs. 712-14-0 under small loans were disbursed during that half year.

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